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Volunteers to build playground

Volunteers are asked to meet today at 7 a.m. at Waveland Elementary to help build a new playground. The bulk of the money collected was from change drives in Williamsburg James City County public schools.

Legion Ladies to meet Jan. 10

American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 77 will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6 p.m. at the American Legion site in the tent on Coleman Ave. in Waveland.

Waveland Civic Assoc. meets

The Waveland Civic Association membership meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the den located on Dick's St. in Waveland.

Bay-Waveland Garden Club

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club will host its regular meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, at the home of member Lili Stahler at 513 Jeff Davis in Waveland. Alice Holmes will report on the workshop on hurricane damaged trees held at the library. Marty DeBolt of Hattiesburg will present a program on "Houseplants for Trailers." Anyone interested in joining the club is invited.

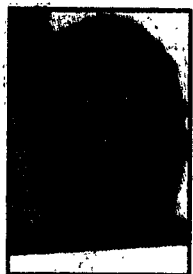
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Sheriff: Sex offenders on the loose in county



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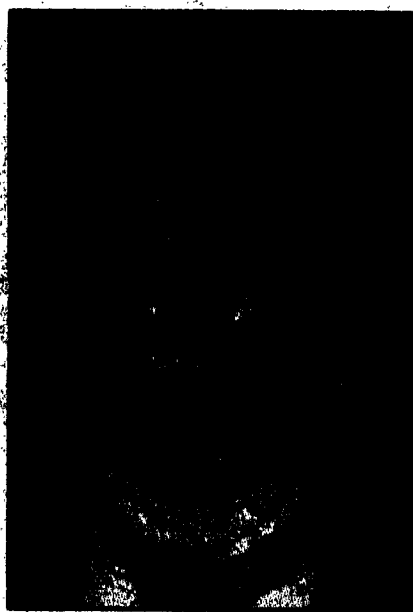
Some moving into area without registering

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber believes that there may be a number of sex offenders running

around in Hancock County that have been displaced from other states, many of which have not registered

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Robin Strasser



Robin Strasser, star of the long-running soap opera "One Life to Live," signs an autograph Thursday for CT Tech George Eid at Hancock Medical Center.

SOAP STAR VISITS WAVELAND, BAY

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Soap Opera star Robin Strasser visited the cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis

on Thursday. Strasser is known for playing Dorian Lord, on the ABC soap One Life To Live. She also has more than years of experience

in the television industry.

"I'm a native New Yorker, and I have been down to New

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'... We estimate that there could be as much as a 50 percent loss of assessed property and 64 percent of real property.'

— Jimmie Ladner
Hancock Tax Assessor/Collector

Half of Hancock tax base is gone

Ladner expects situation to improve over next two years

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector Jimmy Ladner believes that tax collection for the year 2006 may fall off as much as 50 percent, as the county rebuilds from the destruction of Hurricane Katrina.

"2006 is going to be pretty bad," Ladner said. "There is going to be a huge reduction in property value, and we estimate that there could be as much as a 50 percent loss of assessed property and 64 percent of real property. The numbers should start getting better when more people begin to rebuild."

Ladner said that his office is in the process of reappraising the entire county. This job will fall upon Ladner's existing staff, and a number

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'We need a plan' for rebuilding

BY SAM MARTINO

A comprehensive outline to plan the future of Bay St. Louis was presented to the City Council Tuesday with officials looking to include the newly proposed annexed area east along Highway 603 to Highway 10.

"A plan is more important now

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a list of those arrested in Hancock County from Dec. 30-Jan. 4. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

STAFF REPORT

Raymond McQueen, 47, driving on a suspended D/L no insurance
Robert Deyarmett, 33, DUI 2nd
Jimmi Faye Gordon, 36, possession of drug paraphernalia
Stephen Kimbrell, 22, DUI no insurance
Clinton Jones, 18, driving on a suspended D/L careless driving
Michael Moelier, 31, careless driving

Emily Huber, 46, DUI 3rd
Troy Ming, 36, DUI, no D/L
Eric Naugle, 29, DUI
James Lee Coithran, 23, false information, Grand Larceny
Carl Fricke, 23, ran stop sign, fail to yield, reckless driving, resisting arrest
James Edward Turner, 29, curfew violation, driving on a suspended D/L possession of a c/s with intent, careless driving
Dennist Nelson, 46, Burglary
Nicholas Shiyon, 21, felony malicious mischief
Melissa Furney, 28, possession of meth with intent, possession of c/s

(MDMA)
Brandi Caple, 23, conspiracy to distribute meth
Lawrence Wade Deschamp, 33, poss of meth with intent
Scott Ladner, 17, Sexual Battery, 2 counts contributing to a minor
Rusty Peterson, 30, simple assault domestic
Sherry Peterson, 32, simple assault domestic
Lester Kuykendall, 45, failure to register as a sex offender
Robert Christenberry, 27, suspended D/L, careless driving, hold for Georiga
Dana Bankston, 32, simple assault domestic
Kendra Larptz, 19, public drunk

James Houston, 18, public drunk
Steven Matherne, 28, public drunk
Lasteven Drummond, 19, driving on suspended D/L, careless driving
Terry Bilbo, 28, curfew, no insurance, no D/L
Ashley Hutchinson, Grand Larceny
Walter Gibbons, 44, Shoplifting 3rd
Sean O'Neil, 49, assault by threat
Thomas Smith, 32, driving on a suspended D/L
Tiffany Spiers, driving on a suspended D/L, disorderly conduct
Jeffrey Woods, simple assault domestic

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Wisconsin group returns to help

BY SAM MARTINO
Special to the Echo

A chance meeting on the hurricane ravaged Waveland business strip between an out of state police officer and local shop owner Brian Mollere sparked a new long distance relationship.

The relationship peaked this week when one of the officers kept his pledge to return to Bay St. Louis area with help for Hurricane Katrina victims.

The police officer and another friend, a firefighter, both said they would return to the Gulf Coast with help after having served as emergency relief workers following Hurricane Katrina.

Whitewater, Wis., Police Sgt. Mike Ciardo and Robert Gabbey, a Janesville, Wis., firefighter, kept their promise this week.

Ciardo returned to Bay St. Louis with a check for \$2,500 to help the Bay St. Louis police department.

The funds came from donations made by police officers.

Gabbey and two other fire fighters contributed \$3,500 to the Bay St. Louis fire department.

Both emergency workers were part of a contingent of University of Wisconsin-

Whitewater students who raised more than \$35,000 through fund drives in the past two months.

The Student Optimist Club of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater made donations to the Hancock Library and other facilities needing Hurricane Katrina relief support.

The students donated \$2,000 to each of the five schools in Bay St. Louis, the high school, three elementary schools and the middle school.

They also donated \$1,000 each to the fire department and police department for safety and emergency equipment. A \$2,500 donation also was given to the Bay St. Louis Library.

Other donations were given to support youth within the Bay St. Louis recreation program (\$300); the Bay St. Louis Historical Society (\$500); the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Tourism (\$300 each and the I Care Morrell Center (\$250).

The Morrell Center is where volunteers from colleges and universities and other organizations are staying during the Katrina cleanup.

Other donations of \$500 were given to the Hattiesburg and Gulfport Optimist clubs to assist residents in those areas.



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Hancock Board upset over repair costs

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Staff Writer

The Hancock County School Board expressed concerns with the Hurricane Katrina repairs by Roy Anderson Corp. and Thursday night the board voted to withhold twenty percent of nearly \$800,000 dollars in payments due to the company.

"There are too many questions on this invoice, there are extra fees and extra taxes," said board President Morgan Ladner.

A main point of contention that the board had was the charge of more than \$700 dollars a square for temporary roof repairs at Hancock North Central Elementary. When the roof leaked, the contractor fixed it, and charged the school board again for the second repair.

"Are they going to charge us a third time if it leaks again?" Ladner asked.

Ladner said that the school board was charged \$450 dollars a square for a permanent roof.

Another complaint was that Roy Anderson Corp. waited until two days before school started to begin the job. When faced with deadlines, Roy Anderson workers worked a large amount of overtime that the board had to pay, Lander said, adding that the board had information from teachers that contractors were coming in late and leaving early, and that the cafeteria cleanup was done by school workers instead of contractors.

"We have a lot of questions about certain things," said architect Taylor Guild, of Guild, Hardy Associates. "We want to sit down with Roy Anderson and ask them about these things, but we recommend only withholding 10%."

"Ten percent is not enough. You say you're

not happy with it, but yet it is submitted for payment. This seems to have more problems than good things," said board member Peggy Ladner.

The board voted 2-1-1 to approve a resolution to pay Roy Anderson Corp. and retain 20 percent until questions were answered. Voting for the motion were Morgan Ladner and Rose Acker; voting against was Peggy Ladner; Packer Ladner was absent for the vote.

"When we withhold this 20 percent they will probably scream," Morgan Ladner said. "We will probably have a lean on the school tomorrow. FEMA says that in order for us to get reimbursed, the repairs must pass public scrutiny as a reasonable expense. I don't know if it is right now."

Roy Anderson Corp. did not return phone calls to the Echo before press time Friday.

Earlier in the meeting,

the board was addressed by Guild about raising the elevations of the Charles B. Murphy and Gulfview Schools. Guild explained that FEMA regulations may require that the schools be raised as much as 10 to 14 feet.

"I would like to see us build up instead of out," said District One member Packer Ladner. "I think that would be much more cost-efficient."

The board did not take any action on the two damaged schools, but agreed to revisit the issue at a later date.

The board also received donations for Charles B. Murphy School, Gulfview School, East Hancock Elementary School,

Hancock High School and middle school, as well as the Vo-Tech Center. The American Association of School Administrators donated \$10,000 dollars, the Mississippi School Board Association donated \$6,500 dollars, and Leo W. Seal Jr. donated \$100,000 dollars to the school board for cafeteria repairs.

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Registration - Pearl River Community College Associate Degree Nursing Instructor Joyce Bule helps student Randon Necaise of Kiln with his school schedule during spring registration at the Poplarville campus. Classes begin on Monday, Jan. 9. Late registration will continue through Jan. 13.

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Mississippi State graduates whose university diplomas were destroyed or swept away by Hurricane Katrina may receive a replacement at no cost.

Alumni should submit their requests in writing only to the Registrar's

Office, P.O. Box 5268, Mississippi State, MS 39762. While use of the U.S. Postal Service is strongly encouraged, Stokes said inquiries, if necessary, also may be made via e-mail to either Cynthia@registrar.msstate.edu or jvance@regis-

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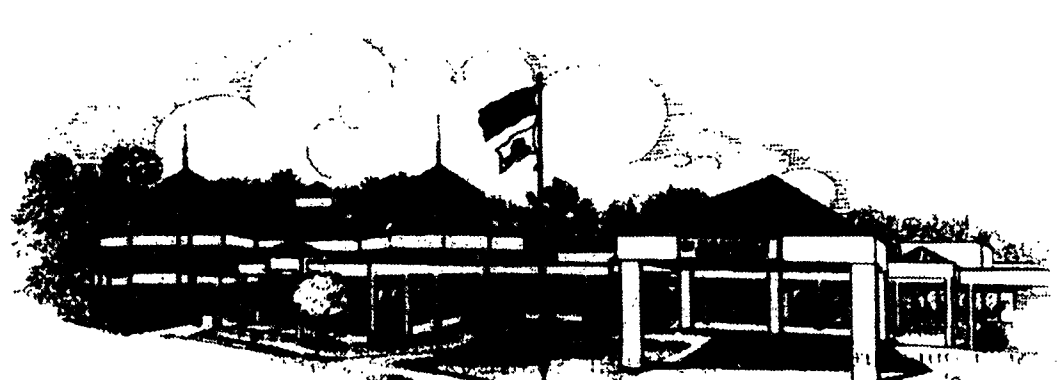
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Jobs are gone with the wind

Following Hurricane Katrina, many Hancock residents lost their employment opportunities.

Adding salt to the wounds is the fact that many of the hauling contractors are from out of the county.

Good money is being spent on the debris removal, and I feel Hancock Countians should be given an opportunity to make money to support their families.

Once again, our Hancock County Board of Supervisors has gone on record making a pitch for local contractors.

There always seems to be a lot of money in hiring contractors for most projects while, from locals that really, local folks should be given first priority.

The word I keep hearing is that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has learned a lot in the aftermath of Katrina.

Hopefully, FEMA will be able to keep the lessons learned and use them in future disasters.

Most important is that we pray no natural

calamity will ever effect as many folks in this country as Katrina did.

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5:30 p.m. at the Trade Mart in Jackson, the 2006 Mississippi Gulf Coast Legislative Reception will take place.

This will be a great opportunity to mingle with leaders from across the state.

There are still folks in official places who do not realize just how bad Hancock's destruction was on Aug. 29.

I know our local legislators and other officials have been

involved in politics that could have a positive impact on our state leaders.

To get more information, call the Hancock Chamber at 467-9048.

Don't miss the Hancock Chamber's Annual Membership meeting at 8 a.m. on Jan. 20 at the Diamondhead Community Center.

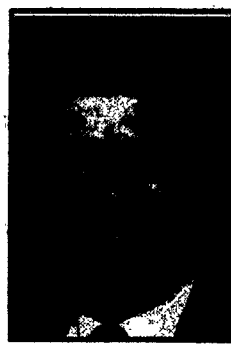
MS Legislature hard at work

BY REPS. J.P. COMPRETTE AND JESSICA UPSHAW

The 2006 Legislature got off to an unprecedented start in the House of Representatives with passage of several major acts, including plans to raise state employees' pay, protect private property rights, develop an industrial development site in Northeast Mississippi and protect medical treatment for the needy.

In addition, the \$29 billion federal response to Hurricane Katrina was discussed by Gov. Barbour during a meeting with House and Senate members in the House chamber. The House Hurricane Recovery Committee also held a major discussion on further ways to help devastated Gulf Coast citizens.

Mississippi will draw about \$10 billion from the federal disaster relief package. Some \$4 billion



House Summary

by Reps. J.P. Comprette and Jessica Upshaw

of that will come in the form of Community Development Block Grants to help an estimated 35,000 homeowners rebuild after being devastated by the Aug. 29 hurricane.

Under the initial plan, the CDBG funds will compensate a homeowner for the value of a home up to a maximum grant of the insured value or \$150,000, whichever is less, for those meeting the following criteria: the home must be outside the flood zone established by the federal government; the home must have been owner-occupied; and the home must have had homeowner or similar insurance coverage at the

time of Katrina's landfall.

Also, homeowners must rebuild to the new requirements set by the FEMA flood advisory maps (higher elevation) to mitigate future risks, they must rebuild to the International Building Code Standard or higher and they must maintain flood insurance on the rebuilt property.

A process would be developed to administer the program, expected to take several weeks. But he said he hopes that by mid-March the rebuilding will be ongoing.

HELPING HOMEOWNERS REBUILD has been a major focus of the Mississippi House of

Representatives since the disaster. The House attempted to help their during a special session held late last year, but was delayed by calls to wait on the federal response.

The state will receive a variety of other federal funding from the package, including \$750 million for transportation needs; \$200 million for social service programs; \$750 million to help schools recover; \$650 million to help pay for displaced students; \$95 million for higher education purposes; \$40 million to hire more police in affected areas; \$95 million for workforce training; and at least \$10 million to restore the barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound; and millions more to repair facilities at Mississippi military bases in the Coast area.

Federal approval is

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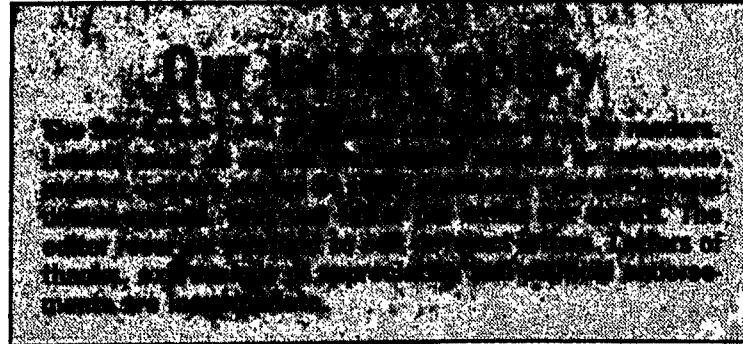
Letters to the Editor

Thank you, thank you, thank you

Open letter to all those who have helped, are still helping us get together after Katrina:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I've been through some other hurricanes, starting with Camille, had some damage from a few, but never needed help until now. We lost everything, just like so many thousands of others, but with all this help we were able to wake up



Christmas morning in our own home.

It took a lot of effort on our part too, and I'm further in debt now than I would like to be, but that's OK - We're home.

We got help from FEMA, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and some individuals almost

as soon as the wind stopped. Water, ice, food, and MREs, which are really pretty good! Later on we got some other help and I've heard that the VFW, the American Legion, and other organizations are doing all they can.

Churches! The way

churches responded was really awesome! The storm came through on a Monday.

Early Wednesday afternoon we were visited by a church group from Missouri! They offered us some things and said they were setting up just down the road, "come get whatever you can use." They had truckloads of food, drinks, shoes, clothes, bedding, and even oat and dog food. Their trucks kept coming for weeks!

The same thing hap-

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House -- state legislature

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also being sought to cover the state's cost of Medicaid up to \$345 million until June 30. Also, the state could get up to \$100 million to cover the uncompensated medical costs for persons who had treatment after evacuating to Mississippi.

Barbour was scheduled to further update legislators during his annual "State of the State" speech scheduled for Monday, Jan. 9 in the House chamber.

THE HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY adopted three appropriations measures, including HB 209 to provide a two-year \$1,000-across-the-board pay raise for state employees and university and community college staff members. Legislative budget leaders and Gov. Barbour have expressed support for a state workers pay hike. Backers said the amount could be even greater if state revenues show more growth than expected before the end of the session in April.

The full House also unanimously approved HB 210 to fully fund the state's seven mental health crisis centers and a specialized mental health treatment facility in Harrison County. The House also okayed HB 211 to fund another Highway Patrol Training Class this year. One is currently underway, with only 48 candidates surviving thus far out of 85 starting the class.

THE HOUSE WASTED LITTLE TIME in turning to an issue that has been simmering since a U.S. Supreme Court decision last year on eminent domain -- the taking of one's property

for commercial and other purposes. The high court's ruling gave states the authority to craft their own rules. We passed HB 100 and House Concurrent Resolution 10 to limit the state's ability to seize private property, but governments could still use eminent domain for public projects such as roads, parks and utilities. Both measures now move to the Senate for consideration.

Backers said that Gulf Coast residents are particularly concerned about their devastated property being taken in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Also, it was pointed out that economic development projects such as the Nissan plant in Canton would still be possible under the plans passed by the House. HB 100 also prohibits the taking of land to enhance governments' tax revenues.

THE HOUSE PUBLIC HEALTH and Human Services Committee heard pleas to make changes in Medicaid law that would provide transportation for hundreds of end-stage kidney disease patients who need treatment several times a week. Some patients who formerly received transportation help were denied this service when new Medicaid/Medicare law changes took effect on Dec. 31, 2005. Despite legislative intent to continue the service, a federal waiver granted to the state did not include it and now these patients are desperately seeking travel aid to dialysis sites. Late in the week, the full House voted

unanimously to pass HB 229 providing temporary transportation help for these dialysis patients.

The House moved to help offset job losses in the furniture manufacturing industry in Northeast Mississippi by approving a \$14.5 million bond package in HB 206 to help develop an industrial site in that area. It is hoped that an automobile plant will locate on the site. The region has been staggered by the loss of about 7,000 furniture-making jobs since 2001 to countries abroad. The 1,700-acre site has partnered with the Tennessee Valley Authority on the plan.

On another matter, South Mississippi lawmakers were urged to ask local elected officials to consider the use of state inmates in helping the area rebound for such jobs as repair and cleanup of public property. About 65 inmates are currently being used on the Coast.

The House of Representatives also welcomed to its ranks four new members elected last year in special elections to fill unexpired terms. They are Reps. Angela Cockerham of Magnolia and District 96, Sherra H. Lane of Waynesboro and District 86, David Norquist of Cleveland and District 28 and Shaun Walley of Leakesville and District 105.

A special guest of the House on opening day was the reigning Miss Mississippi, Kristian Dambrino of Grenada County, who sang from her video production that honors Katrina victims.

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Letter -- thanks

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pened in Waveland on Hwy. 90 and who knows how many other places.

The small local churches are doing their part too. For example, I have some friends on Lower Bay Rd. whose homes had been destroyed and scattered all through their yards. A small church down on Lakeshore Rd. sent people to help clean up their properties and did a great job. There is no telling

how many other people they've helped. Their church was destroyed, but didn't slow them down at all. Countless other people and organizations have stepped in and done their part. Its not possible to thank them all properly.

Of course, its not over, not even close. I've heard that FEMA is still setting up over 4,000 of the little trailers every week, and will continue to do so for

some time. That tells me that many are still living in tents, cars, or with relatives. No, it's definitely not over, but they're doing all they can. FEMA can't do it all - we have to help ourselves.

I guess that's all for now. I just want all those people to know that they're really appreciated.

Thanks again,
Jon Heaton

PRCC offering EMT, computer classes

THE ECHO Pearl River Community College's Woodall Advanced Technology Center is offering Emergency Medical Technician classes later this year.

All three classes will begin Monday, Feb. 6. The classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights from 6-10 p.m. Enrollment in each class is limited. Applications are now available for the class. Application deadline is Monday, Jan. 30, 2006.

Hattiesburg classes will be held in the Lowery A. Woodall Advanced Technology Center, located in the Hattiesburg-Forrest County Industrial Park.

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Rebuilding -- Bay Council

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because of Hurricane Katrina and the opportunity it presents to build for the future, the next 20 to 25 years and beyond," said Mike Slaughter, a professional city planner from Oxford, Miss., hired by the council to provide an outlook to the planning process.

Slaughter said the introduction of the goals of the planning process would provide city officials and others guidelines to work from during the next 12 months to 18 months.

"In essence, the purpose of the comprehensive plan is to provide guidance and direction for the future of the city and its citizens and their overall quality of life," said Slaughter.

Slaughter said he would encourage citizens to join in the process while also enlisting help from officials in Waveland and Hancock County.

Alison Anderson, a spokeswoman for Coastal communities concerned about environmental and development issues, urged that there be cooperation among communities to protect against development

overtaking coastal neighborhoods with large scale condominium projects.

"I know the Coast is going to come back," he declared. However, Slaughter said the comeback of Bay St., Louis and other areas devastated along the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina should not be redeveloped at the "whim of developers from Mississippi, Florida, and Texas."

Slaughter said it was necessary for the city to establish a long-range plan.

"The absence of a comprehensive plan can lead to undesirable consequences resulting from ill planned urban development which can result in a negative impact on the overall economic and social well-being of the city," said a portion of the proposed plan.

Slaughter said a "thorough comprehensive plan can best put into action the local government's influence and desires on future growth and change of the city."

Slaughter outlined four key steps that officials should undertake to ensure a successful comprehensive planning doc-

ument be created. The steps are to establish new zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, a capital improvement program to span at least five years and the establishment of other ordinances associated with architectural design, housing, and various forms of building material usage.

Other necessary steps to help in the proposed planning process include establishing goals and objectives involving road improvements, land use, a transportation plan and new community facilities.

A basis for a capital improvement program, Slaughter said, was the rebuilding or construction of new housing, schools, public buildings and utilities associated with storm water drainage.

Slaughter said Bay St. Louis was in a unique position to improve on the future of the community while also attempting to preserve some of its historical character by rebuilding shops and businesses along the historic district of the community.

"I think you should preserve what you had

before," Slaughter said.

Overall, Slaughter said the proposed outline for the comprehensive plan should be geared toward recognizing there will be much change to community neighborhoods to underscore a successful rebuilding of parts of the city.

"I think it (Bay St. Louis) is going to come back bigger and stronger. It is not going to happen overnight, it is going to take time," said Slaughter.

Kevin Brunner, the city manager of Whitewater, Wis., appeared before the council to inform officials that the Wisconsin city had adopted Bay St. Louis as a sister city and pledge support in relief efforts of the community.

Whitewater was the home of native son Stephen Ambrose, a noted historian and author who lived in Bay St. Louis.

Brunner told city officials that Whitewater was sending Bay St. Louis emergency fire and police workers an automatic external defibrillator used in rescue work of stroke and heart victims.

Offenders -- on the loose

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with his department.

"Since the storm there have been a lot of people from other places come here," Garber said. "We have gotten some tips that there are sex offenders from other counties and states that have moved here. If anyone is caught, and they have not registered with us then they will be arrested. We are investigating some right now."

Currently there are 51 registered sex offenders living in Hancock County. While their information is public record, investigator Rita Watson says that there are differences in the laws from state to state.

"One thing that a lot of people do not know is that in Mississippi, you

do not have to be notified if a sex offender lives in your neighborhood. I wish that would change, but right now we just don't have the funding for that kind of operation," Watson said.

Sex offenders in Mississippi must register every 90 days at the drivers license center, and they are to carry a card similar to a drivers license with them at all times. Anyone who does not register will be considered non-compliant, and they can face up to five more years in jail for not registering. Any sex offender who moves into or out of the area must notify the sheriff's department of his/her location and intentions.

Watson reported that

Lester Kuykendall, 45 years old, was arrested earlier this week, for non-compliance.

"After the storm, the U.S. Marshall's service told Kuykendall to register within 48 hours, and he refused. I sent him a letter by mail, and after no response a warrant was issued," Watson said.

Kuykendall was brought to the Pearl River County Jail, and is being held under \$5,000 bail.

Watson said she has contacted nearly all of the registered sex offenders from prior to the storm, and that all of the county's sex offender records were saved from the old office.

Watson urges anyone

who has information or just wants to ask questions to call the Sheriff's Department at 228-467-5101. The list of registered sex offenders can be viewed online at www.sor.mdps.state.ms.us/.

Tax base

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of new assessors that will be hired under a Department of Labor grant.

"We will be reappraising the entire county in the next few months," Ladner said. "We hope to have this completed by July 1, but we have a 30-day extension if needed. If the property suffered major damage, and it is considered unlivable then we will only charge taxes on the value of the lot."

Ladner said that property that is eligible was only taxed for eight months in 2005. This produced a reduction of about one-third. Ladner said that although most of the damage was south of the interstate, those residents in the north part of the county are eligible as well.

"The amount of damage that was sustained will determine how much the new estimate is," Ladner said. "Most

of the new estimates were done by aerial photography and a ride through the area. If anyone disagrees with the estimate, then they are welcome to come in with their insurance information, and we will look at each case."

Ladner said that both the Kiln office, at 16603 Hwy. 603 and trailers 9-12 at the Hancock County Complex on Longfellow drive are open, and fully functional. The time to file for the Homestead Exemption will be from Jan 1 to Mar 31.

The annual tax sales, which were scheduled for Aug 29, were put off until October. Ladner said that there was a large number of properties struck to the state.

Ladner said that all existing records were saved from the main street office, and through the hard work of his staff, things are going as

well as can be expected.

"This has been a huge challenge for everyone," Ladner said. "Our staff saved all of the records and equipment in the days after the storm, and they have sure made things a lot easier. They have been really dedicated, and I am thankful to all of them."

As for the future, Ladner believes that things will turn around by 2007.

"It was unfortunate that the Hurricane only left people four months before the end of the year," Ladner said. "Most people have not even started on their rebuilding. As the construction begins to come around, our tax collections should rise. I want to thank everyone for being patient, and understanding in the last few months."

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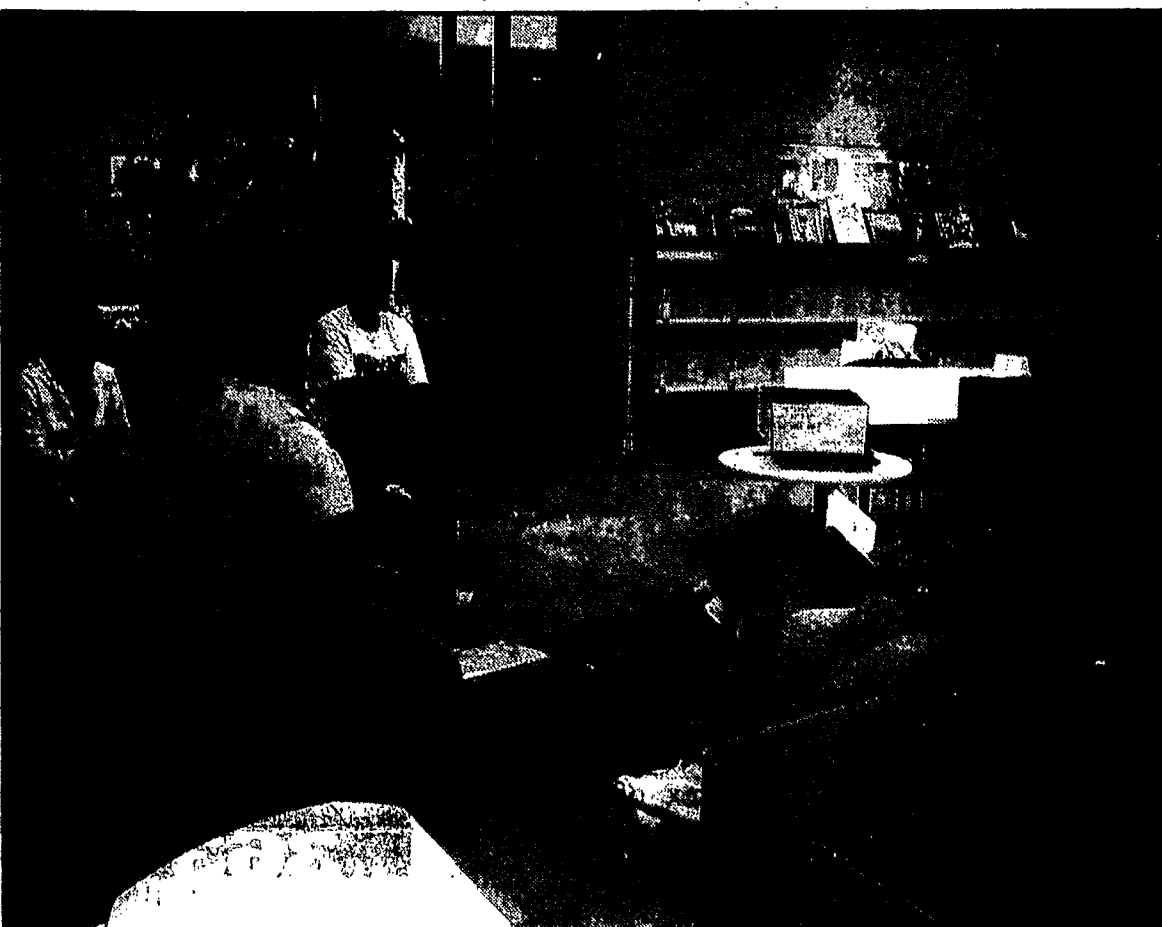
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HELPING SORT AUDIO BOOKS - Members of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater Optimist Club help the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library sort audio books and videos as part of the Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. The group was here this week to assist the library and the schools as part of Whitewater, Wisconsin's Mission Mississippi program. The city of Whitewater has adopted Bay St. Louis. Pictured, are, from left, Nicole Englebert, Stephanie Smittler, and Volunteer Advisor Cathy Simpson.

VOLUNTEER STORY TIME - Christopher Winkles of Bay St. Louis reads stories to the Whitewater Wisconsin volunteers during an afternoon break this week. The volunteers are members of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater students and Optimist Club members, who have been in Bay St. Louis to assist the library and the schools in their recovery efforts. Volunteers, are from left, Ann Bausch, Nicole Englebert, Stephanie Smittler and Mission Mississippi Advisor Cathy Simpson.



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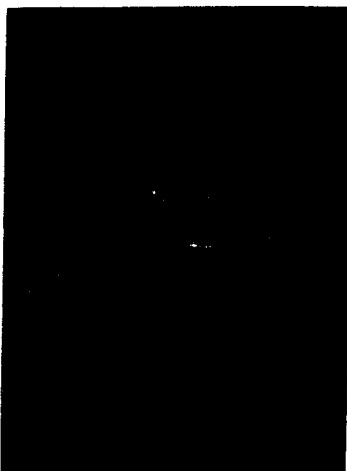
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**PATRICIA
PETERSON**

**EDWARD
SCHAMBACH JR.**



**PATRICIA
PETERSON**

Patricia "Ann" Peterson, 61, of the Kiln, died Tuesday, January 2, 2006 in Gulfport.

She was a cashier at Casino Magic for 5 years. She enjoyed spending time with her grand kids and loved playing slot machines. She is preceded in death by her mother; Meredith Hardy and her grandmother; Beulah Bradley.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by her husband; Louis A. Peterson, her children; Melinda Bourgeois and Brandon Peterson both of the Kiln, a sister; Melba

Smith of PA., and her grandchildren; DJ, Meghan, Brooklyn and Brock.

The family request memorials be sent to the American Cancer Society, 417 Security Square, Gulfport, MS 39507.

Gulf Coast Funeral Homes in in charge of arrangements. An online register book may be signed and viewed at www.gulfcoastfh.com.



**EDWARD
SCHAMBACH JR.**

Edward L. Schambach, Jr., age 81 and a resident of Kiln, MS, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, in Kiln.

Mr. Schambach was a native of New Orleans, LA, and a graduate of Fortier High School and Loyola University in

New Orleans. He served in the U. S Air Force during World War II in the Burma Campaign with the Flying Tigers, and he flew #2 in combat cargo planes supplying front line troops over the Himalayas. He was detailed to secure information by going behind enem lines and taking Japanese officers as prisoners. He served 25 years as rural postal carrier in Pass Christian prior to retiring.

Mr. Schambach was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Ladner Schambach; parents, Edward L. and Blanche Boucvalt Schambach, and sister, Gloria Schambach. Survivors include three sons, Edward Schambach, Gregor Schambach, and Kendall Ladner; a daughter, Kim Ladner, all of Kiln; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Standard Sand Hill Cemetery in Hancock County, MS, with Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, Hwy 49 North in Gulfport, in charge of arrangements.

One Life

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Orleans several times for JazzFest," Strasser said. "I really love this area for it's great architecture, music, and food. I wanted to come down here personally, and see the situation."

Strasser was given a tour of the area by Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo, in which she had a chance to see the destruction firsthand.

Strasser showed Longo a surprise gift that she and her co-stars had been working on. Strasser and her fellow actors and actresses from One Life To Live have produced a 26-track CD that will be sold online, with all of the profits going to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

"The CDs will sell for \$20 dollars, and the songs were all produced and performed by show members," Strasser said. "There is a 32-page booklet with pictures and information about the cast. It was my idea, but we did it all together."

Strasser has appeared in numerous soaps as well as television shows in her career. Her most notable performances were on Knots Landing, All My Children, Coach, Dharma and Greg, Murphy Brown, China Beach, MacGuyver, and Murder She Wrote.

Strasser joins the growing number of celebrities to visit Hancock County since Hurricane Katrina.

"We are thankful that Ms. Strasser took time out of her schedule to come here and offer help," said Mayor Tommy Longo. "The more attention we get on our area, the faster the recovery will be."

Later on Thursday, Strasser toured Bay St. Louis and stopped in at Hancock Medical Center to praise the staff members for their heroic work both during and after the storm. "You've accomplished a miracle," she said. "You really did."

She also assured the HMC staff that she wants to help keep the nation's attention focused on the Gulf Coast during the recovery.

"People are aware," Strasser said, "though I think a lot of folks for some reason or other —without constant media attention — think it's all handled."

Strasser's CD can be purchased at onelinefamilyvoices.com.

Lott, Cochran: \$23 Million headed for Bay St. Louis, Pass and rest of the Coast

THE ECHO

Federal grants totaling about \$13 million are approved for various post-Katrina recovery initiatives in Wayne County, Bay St. Louis, Biloxi and Ocean Springs, U.S. Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran said Thursday.

"These grants are very important to sustain Mississippi's recovery and rebuilding efforts," Senator Lott said. "Grant funds to rebuild schools, repair infrastructure and remove debris will continue to be an important component of the overall Katrina recovery plan."

The grants are broken down as follows:

- * \$3.3 million (federal share) to Wayne County debris removal of trees posing threat to public health and safety.
- * \$4.8 million (federal share) to Bay St. Louis School District-Funds to repair damage to structure including exterior windows, doors, 30,000 sq feet of metal roof, 120,000 sq ft of floor and numerous interior repairs.

- * \$3.8 million (federal share) to City of Biloxi to the Point Cadet Marina to repair portions of the decking, piling, concrete piers, pavilions brick and wooden boardwalk and electrical panels to its pre-disaster design and function.
- * 913,000 (federal share) to City of Ocean Springs to repair sanitary sewer lifts, specifically 119 pumps and motors and electrical panels to its pre-disaster design and function.

The grants will be administered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency

(FEMA) and FEMA. In addition, federal grants totaling more than \$10 million are approved for projects in Harrison and Rankin counties, including funds to rebuild Pass Christian schools, U.S. Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran said on Friday.

"This will help rebuild a coastal community which is experiencing some of Hurricane Katrina's worst devastation," Senator Lott said. "Grant funding like this must remain an important component of Mississippi's recovery effort, and Senator Cochran and I will work hard to make sure this type of federal support continues."

Those grants are broken down as follows:

- * \$2.2 million (federal share) to Rankin County for debris removal;
- * \$8.6 million (federal share) to Harrison County's Pass Christian Elementary School to replace and repair buildings.



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Sports

SSC hangs on for narrow 3-2 win over Bay High Tigers

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first half of their soccer game with Bay High on Tuesday, January 3rd. However, the Rocks had to withstand a Tiger surge in the second half to win 3-2 in the rivalry game.

The win improved SSC's division record to 4-1 (4-8 overall) while Bay High suffered their first defeat of the season falling to 4-1-2 overall and 3-1 in the division.

Evan Cranford scored twice in the first half for SSC while Cameron Bosley added the third goal.

SSC head coach Stace McRaney stated, "We jumped out to a 3-0 lead and then held on for the win. Our forwards and midfielders are beginning to work well together. Defensively, we played well with a few lapses in the second half. Bay High has a very good team and this was a big win for us. Moreover, it was a fun game for the players and for the fans. Both teams played very hard and it was a clean game."

Ricky Manieri crossed to Kyle Moran for the Tigers first goal of the second half. Then, Bubba Dorn assisted Marcello DeSousa for the second Tiger goal. Both goals were scored with eight minutes.

Bay High coach Chris Doxey commented, "We came out sluggish; how-

ever, we made some much-needed adjustments at halftime and we were able to get some things going. Colby Adam, a sophomore forward, was out nursing an injury which took out some of our offense. Hopefully, we can get him back in the lineup soon. Josh Sick, a full-back, and Brennan Adam, our sweeper, played well on defense for us. We have a strong Ocean Springs team on Friday that will be a good test for us."

Scoring details of the Ocean Springs/Bay High game will be available in Wednesday's edition. The Rocks play next on the road against Pearl River Central on Tuesday, January 10th.

On Wednesday, January 4th the OLA Crescents shutout Resurrection 5-0. Mischa Tice recorded her second consecutive hat trick as she finished the night with three goals. Kaitlyn Bosley and Amelia Simpson added the other two goals for the Crescents.

Annie Giardino recorded the shutout in goal as OLA improved to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. On Friday night, the Crescents traveled to Perry Central. Their next home game is set for January 14th against the Lady Indians of Biloxi.

On Tuesday night, the D'Iberville Lady Warriors defeated the Lady Hawks of Hancock 5-1. No scoring details

for Hancock were available.

On Tuesday, January 3rd the Long Beach Bearcats swept two games with the Pass Christian Pirates in high school basketball action.

The Lady Bearcats (10-4) defeated the Lady Pirates 53-47 behind Susan Griffieon's triple-double. The 6-4 center for Long Beach scored 21 points, pulled down 21 rebounds and blocked 14 shots. It was her third triple-double of the season.

Long Beach led 16-0 at the end of the first period only to see Pass Christian erase that deficit and pull to within 36-35 at one point in the second half. Shallon Swanier led the Lady Pirates with 12 points followed by Mykeal Hall with 12 points.

In the boys game, Long Beach (10-4, 4-1) defeated Pass Christian (7-6, 1-5) 71-57 behind former SSC player Owen McNally's double-double of 15 points and 22 rebounds. Jeremy Hill scored 12 points while Greg Gardner added 10 points and five blocks.

Long Beach remained one game behind Division 8-4A leader Picayune (11-2) and those two teams will lock horns on January 13th.

In other local action on Tuesday evening, the Gulfport Admirals defeated the Hancock Hawks 104-24. The Admirals had five players in double figures. Richard Martin led the

way for Gulfport with 24 points followed by Luther Suggs' double-double of 23 points and 10 rebounds. DR Grieves added 15 points while Justin Ray had 14 points and 10 assists. Greg Hollimon added 13 points.

The Picayune Maroon Tide defeated the Bay High Tigers 88-53. Darionne Jones led Picayune with 17 points followed by Alan Moran and Clydell Jones with 11 points each. Chris Griffith added 10 points in the win.

Brent Robinson and Robert Labat each scored 16 points to lead Bay High.

The Bay High Tigers and the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws renewed their division rivalry on the hardwood on Friday, January 6th. Full scoring details will be available in Wednesday's edition. The Rocks will also entertain John Curtis High School on Saturday, January 7th at 6pm in the Father Peter Mockler Gymnasium.

Other upcoming basketball action includes the Rocks traveling to Long Beach on Tuesday, January 10th while Bay High will tangle with the Pass Christian Pirates on Tuesday night. The location of that game has not been released. The Hancock Hawks will host the Harrison Central Red Rebels in division action on Tuesday night in Kiln beginning at 5 p.m.

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2005 'an odd year' for DWGAN

BY JODI CROSBY

Three golf outings were scheduled for the month of December. Play dates of December 6, Trophy Day and December 20, Poker Hand, were greeted with frost delays. On Dec. 6th, three eager golfers braved the chilly day to be the first golfers since Hurricane Katrina to play the front of The Cardinal. The front was in great shape; however, the golf scores were none to be bragged about. On Dec. 20th, five ladies ventured out to play in the chilly weather and by the 9th hole it had warmed up a bit so everyone was smiling.

December 13 - Christmas Scramble / Luncheon

Thirty-three ladies met to play in the Christmas Scramble. The weather cooperated and golf was enjoyed by all of those participating. After golf, NINES members and guests gathered at the

Diamondhead Community Center for the 25th Anniversary Christmas Luncheon and end of year celebration. Some guests included representatives from the Pro Shop as well as members from Pass Christian's nine-hole organization. The Diamondhead Country Club catered a wonderful buffet lunch and it was truly enjoyed by all attending. This year in celebration of the NINES' 25th Anniversary, NINES Founder, Alma Marshall and Past President, Terry Settle were introduced and honored with certificates. E. J. Smith was given a certificate for organizing NINES' Match Play. She was informed that the event would from now on be called The E. J. Smith Match Play Tournament and a plaque would be purchased inscribed with such. The NINES organization presented a siz-

able monetary donation to The Gulf Coast Women's Center for Nonviolence. This donation was made in conjunction with a contribution from the 9AM Nautilus Aerobics Group. Officers and committee members for 2006 were introduced and outgoing board members were recognized. Christmas Scramble results were announced and awards were presented for 2005 Birdies/Chip-ins. The Most Improved Golfer certificate was presented to Jodi Crosby. Jodi improved her handicap by 6 strokes during the year. Dr. Patricia Collier of Diamondhead Baptist Church treated The Nines with a beautiful song after the luncheon prayer as well as a wonderful medley of holiday songs, which concluded the function.

Christmas Scramble Results

First Place:

Dot Hoskins, Shirley Hopes, Jerrie Guidroz
Second Place:
Dianne Ackerman, Rita Perry, Dru Sweetman

Third Place:
Jodi Crosby, Mimi Alef, Pat Heyd, Madelin Young

Fourth Place:
Jeanette Sullivan, Joan Fowler, Judy Amox, Shirley Smith

Fifth Place:
Emmy Swink, Theresa Malbrough, Joan Cann

Golf season for 2005 turned out to be a very unusual year for The NINES, as well as the entire Diamondhead community. Anyone woman looking to join a golf organization in 2006 would truly enjoy being part of The NINES. Contact President, Dianne Ackerman at 586-1046 if interested. Let's hope that 2006 brings a better year and good golfing to all members!

Local Echo Legal Notices

TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on December 29, 1994, Joseph C. Keller, III and Tammy K. Keller, executed a certain deed of trust to David Michael Necaise, Sr., Trustee for the benefit of William Joe Smith and Linda Jo Smith, which deed of trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 423, at pages 447-453, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby, having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, William Joe Smith and Linda Jo Smith having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Michael Necaise, Sr., Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 9th day of January, 2006, offer for sale and will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the East front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated and lying in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Parcel 1: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 20.0 feet for the point of beginning; thence West 604.10 feet; thence North 04 degrees West 1,811.45 feet; thence North 13 degrees 40 minutes 52 seconds East 445.35 feet; thence North 86 degrees 25 minutes 11 seconds East 741.91 feet; thence South 08 degrees 04 minutes 08 seconds East 1,066.40 feet; thence South 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds West 270.49 feet; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East 1,204.83 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This parcel containing 39.31 acres and being a part of the following: Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; and part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter; all in Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Parcel 2: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 20.0 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 1,204.83 feet;

thence North 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East 270.49 feet; thence North 86 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 1,086.0 feet; thence South 16 degrees 21 minutes West 24.23 feet; thence South 86 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West 486.07 feet; thence South 14 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds West 782.96 feet; thence South 78 degrees 43 minutes 38 seconds East 434.58 feet; thence South 16 degrees 32 minutes West 418.33 feet; thence West 972.81 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. This parcel containing 24.66 acres and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Parcel 3: An easement only to the previously described real property. Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence South 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds East 98.78 feet for the point of beginning; thence North 84 degrees 36 minutes 22 seconds East 270.49 feet; thence North 86 degrees 20 minutes 47 seconds East 1,086.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the West margin of a public road; thence South 16 degrees 21 minutes West along said margin 24.23 feet; thence South 86 degrees 17 minutes 34 seconds West 486.07 feet; thence South 85 degrees 16 minutes West 870.48 feet; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 18 seconds West 32.86 feet to the point of beginning. This easement being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 20, all in Township 5 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 13th day of December, 2005. David Michael Necaise Sr. TRUSTEE 12/24; 12/31/2005; 01/07/2006

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. C2301-05-728(3) Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 25th day of August, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned executrix of the will and estate of Gino Scialdone, deceased, in Cause No. C2301-05-728(3), notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred. This the 20th day of December, 2005. Maggie S. Dannreuther, Executrix 12/24; 12/31/2005; 01/07/2006

CAUSE NO.: C2301-05-731

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA CLARE ALLISON, DECEASED EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK Letters testamentary having been granted on the 25th day of August, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Patricia Clare Allison, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred. THIS 19 day of December A.D., 2005. S/S ROSALIE J. PARRINO 12/24; 12/31/2005; 01/07/2006

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

CHRISTOPHER LUNSFORD AND BRANDY LUNSFORD PLAINTIFFS VERSUS PATRICK K. DEJEAN, IF LIVING, THE HEIRS-AT-LAW AND/OR BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICK K. DEJEAN, IF DECEASED; THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM HOOD; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; THE HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; CHANCERY CLERK TIMOTHY A. KELLAR; DISTRICT ATTORNEY CONO CARANNA; AND TO ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY INTEREST, INCLUDING ALL LEGAL AND EQUITABLE CLAIMS, IN THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, SOLD FOR TAXES ON AUGUST 27, 2001, viz: LOT 5, BLOCK 3, UNIT 8, DIAMONDHEAD, PHASE I, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS CAUSE NO. C2301-05-856 (3) SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: Patrick DeJean, if living, the heir-at-law and/or beneficiaries of the Estate of Patrick K. DeJean, if Deceased, Jim Hood, Attorney General; Hancock County, Board of Supervisors; Cono Caranna, District Attorney; and all persons having or claiming a legal or equitable interest in Lot 5, Block 3, Unit 8, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase I, a subdivision of Hancock County, Mississippi NOTICE This is a suit by CHRISTOPHER LUNSFORD AND BRANDY LUNSFORD to confirm their title in that certain property described above, and as more fully set out in the Complaint for

Confirmation of Title which is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi in the above case number. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Confirm Title within thirty (30) days from the 31 day of December, 2005

which is the date of first publication of this summons, to the attorney for the Plaintiffs, J. Bryan Vonder Bruegge, Esq., whose address is 808 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. OTHERWISE, IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A RESPONSE, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 550, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk Hancock County, Mississippi (SEAL) By: D.L. Lee Deputy Clerk 12/31/05; 01/07; 01/14/06

MISSISSIPPI ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL OFFICE

PO BOX 540 MADISON, MS 39110-0540 601-856-1301 We, the officers of Waveland Discount Wine & Liquor, Inc., intend to make application for a Package Retailer permit as provided for by the Local Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, We propose to operate as a corporation under the trade name of Waveland Discount Wine & Liquor, Inc., located at 457 Hwy. 90, Waveland of Hancock County. The name(s), title(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are Victoria S. Becker, President, 530 Esplanade, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 This the 27 day of December, 2005 12/31/05; 01/07/06

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Bay St. Louis Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the following: A CHANGE IN THE ZONING of those properties bounded on the north by Felicity Street, on the east by North Second Street, on the South by the existing highway commercial district along Highway 90 and on the west by Dunbar Avenue form the current R-2 and R-3 zoning classifications to an R-1 zoning classifica-

tion. OMNI MINI STORAGE - application for variance to the sign ordinance for an off-site sign and variance to the sign height to be allowed to install a sign 18 feet tall in a zone where the height limitation is 6 feet. The property in question is located at the intersection of Turner Street and Highway 90 and described as Lots 29 and 30, Block 49, Fourth Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, parcel #137L-0-35-006.005. It is zoned C-2.

Additional information for the above mentioned is available for review during the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the office of the Clerk of Council, 1928 Depot Way. All interested parties are urged to attend. PAULA C FAIRCONNIE CLERK OF COUNCIL 01/07/06

TRUSTEE ELECTION

All interested candidates from the added territory to the Bay St. Louis corporate limits must file with the Superintendent of Education of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District at the Superintendent's office, 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on or before January 20, 2006, in order to comply with the following regulations:

A candidate seeking the office of the school trustee must file a petition with the Superintendent of Education of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District at least forty (40) days before the election. Such petition must contain the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors who are bona fide residents of the school dis-

trict territory to be represented and must also contain an affidavit by the candidate certifying that all signatures are the personal signatures of each person whose name appears on the petition and that each person is a qualified elector.

The candidate must also present an affidavit stating that he or she is a qualified elector and a bona fide resident of the school district territory to be represented in accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §37-7-211 (1972), as amended. Said Trustee election shall be held on March 4, 2006. 01/07; 01/11; 01/14; 01/18/06

Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control Office P.O. Box 540 Madison, MS 39110-0540 601-856-1301

LEGAL NOTICE

Thomas A. Mortillaro, intend to make application for: an On-premises retailer permit as provided for by the Local Option Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, Section 67-1-1, et seq., of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. If granted such permit, I propose to operate as a sole owner under the tradename of Clyde's located at 1060 Hwy. 90 Bay St. Louis of Hancock County. The name(s), title(s), and address(es) of the owner(s)/partners/corporate officer(s) and/or majority stockholder(s) of the above named business are Thomas A. Mortillaro, Sole Owner 107 Forest St., Pass Christian, MS 39571 This the 3 day of January, 2006. 01/07; 01/11/06

Deadline nears for Bay-Waveland board of trustees candidates

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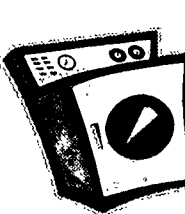
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Echo staff photo by Dwayne Bremer
Children from St. Claire Elementary assisted in the design for their new playground, that is scheduled to be constructed this month by Kaboom. The project is funded by Motorola. Adults from left to right are Erika Putinsky, Meghan Fugate, Ginny Vegas Reynolds, Darrell Hammond, Ronnie Cuevas, Joe Spurlin, Jay Cole, and Nancy Artigues. Children in back row are Gabrielle H, Brynna B, and Ricky S. Front row Avery K, Seth M, and Hannah G.

Bay DECA 'bands' together

BY SAM MARTINO

The students at Bay St. Louis are displaying their own post Hurricane Katrina brand of optimism.

It is in a blue wristband that says: "I believe in the future."

The rubber bracelets are being sold for \$3 by student members of DECA, the high school's marketing and business club.

To many of the students, the band represents a circle of hope for the recovery of the Gulf Coast.

Marie LaFrance, vice president of the DECA organization, said funds from the sale of the bands would be contributed to beautifying the community after Hurricane Katrina scattered homes like toothpicks through Bay St.

Louis and other parts of the coast.

The students received 1,000 of the wristbands this week and, packaged them in individual plastic wrappers for sale.

"Please wear this bracelet to show your support for a greater Mississippi Gulf Coast," said a brief announcement on the wrapper.

Pam Naylor, a high school advisor to the DECA organization, said the students developed the wristband theme as a way of showing their support for the community.

"This is a service project where we can give back to the community," said Naylor.

She said the purpose of the project was to "do something to beautify the community" as it struggles to rebuild from

wrecked homes, splintered trees and scattered debris for miles.

"While it is something the students are selling, it means something to us and the kids to help rebuild," Naylor said. She added:

"In order for us to function daily we have to believe in the future. Otherwise we wouldn't be here."

She noted that many students and their friends lost homes or saw them destroyed by the hurricane. She said selling the bracelets gave them hope of recovery.

"On the flip side of all this tragedy, it is exciting to be a part of the rebuilding of our community and to see how it is going to develop. The students are going to be a part of it," Naylor said.

Julie Naylor, also an

advisor to the DECA club, said she was proud to see the students were getting behind a visible project in the community.

"We want to project a positive attitude to encourage people to look to the future for the Gulf Coast to be better than ever," she said.

In recent years bracelets of the type being sold by the students have become popular in calling attention to various causes.

Champion bicycle racer Lance Armstrong has showed support for fighting cancer by the sale of yellow rubber bracelets.

And supporters of drives to combat cancer have sold pink wristbands. The students are hopeful their blue bands capture the attention of the public.

'Calendar of Hope'

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